**Austrian Cabinet** 

BECAUSE OF DISCONTENT OVER

CONTINUATION OF THE WAR

-No Battles of Importance

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## BRINGING GOOD RESULTS

Two of the Chief Accomplishments Sought by the Gov-Bernment Have Been Attained

Because of Unusual Weather Conditions—The First of the Ten Monday Holidays Was Observed Generally-Dr. Garfield Resists Pressure to Have the Number of Monday Holidays Reduced—Exemptions Will Not be Increased-Request of Certain Department Stores That the Order be Modified Has Been Refused.

made no attempt to move it.

Will Be Ten. Heatless Mondays.

expect a four day industrial shutdown in February.

Exemptions Not to Be Increased.

Exemptions, it was indicated again oday, will not be increased. A re-

quest by certain department store

that they be permitted to remain open on Monday and operate only seven hours for six days a week was re-

Food Stores Urged to Close at Noon

ing food are urged both by the food

ICE FLOES SANK FOUR

"All wholesale and retail stores sell-

STEAMBOATS IN MISSISSIPPI

Tore Others From Their Moorings

and Damaged Small Craft.

aged a number of small craft. There was no loss of life,

The excursion steamer De Soto. valued at \$50,000, the government tow-boat Gaham, valued at \$27,500, the

latter went down at Seyppel's Landing,

the packets Georgia Lee and Fred He-rold were among the steamers torn from their docks by the ice. Tonight they were reported to have success-fully fought their way through the ice

to a safe anchorage after being buf-fetted about the greater part of the

offection of such a quantity of

HARTFORD RAILROAD YARDS About 6,000 Tons of Merchandise De-

livered on First Fuelless Monday.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 21.-With 400

ice running.

GOOD WORK DONE IN

Washington, Jan. 21.—Two of the accept at its stations any general thief accomplishments sought by the freight for shipment. It took only food and coal and made an effort to move government in closing down industry by cutting off fuel supplies have been achieved, Fuel Administrator Garfield announced tonight, Homes throughout the east, he said

are receiving coal in larger quantities than has been reported for weeks and bunker coal again is moving to sea-board in sufficient volume to supply A third aim—the clearing of rail-road congestion—has not been attain-ed as yet, largely, Dr. Garfield de-clared, because of unusual weather

Few Violations of Order.

The first of the ten Monday holidays was observed generally today and bus-lness everywhere in the east was at a standstill. Reports tonight told of few violations of the order and said that thousands of establishments were closed even though they had a technical right to remain open.

Reports tonight said New York had

en hand tonight coal enough to fill the bunkers of fifty vessels and liampton Roads had received supplies sufficient for the more than one hundred ships held in port

The heavy movement of Coal.

The heavy movement of coal to ports has taxed tug and barge facilities heavily. Despite a pooling arrangement put into operation at New York, it was found difficult to handle receipts. At the Shopping Board to night it was said that both tugs and harges there would be commandeered if necessary to make the work more efficient, but officials were of the opinion that pooling would suffice.

In declining to put an embargo on the receipt by railroads of general freight, Director General McAdoo, it was learned today, acted against the advice of the War Conference Board, which adopted a resolution approving the surgestions. Officials were of the war to state fuel administrators in respect to these stores: Heavy Movement of Coal.

which adopted a resolution approving the suggestion. Officials who sought the embargo as a means of relief for congestion declared tonight this meas-ure still would have to be taken or

denied transportation before the railroad situation is improved to any considerable extent.

Penn. Road Accepted Only Food and
Coal.

The Pennsylvania railroad, with the
approval of A. H. Smith, director of
castern railroads, today declined to

grounds, to close at noon Mondays;
except that wherever necessary distribution of food to the people is endangered by closing, food stores are
at liberty to remain open all day. The
necessity for remaining open is to be
determined by the local food administrator, who is to notify the local fuel

### CHANGES IN PRINCIPLES

OF RAILROAD OPERATION Urged by McAdoo Before Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

fington, Jan. 21.—Changes emental principles of railroad under government control ke it inadvisable to turn the roads back to private ownership im-mediately after the end of the war, Di-rector General McAdoo urged today before the country interstate commerce committee. Until "comprehensive and rational legislation" to meet the chang-

government grader boat, valued at \$37,000 and a government quarter boat were the steamers sunk. The Frman Smith announced Next Monday the committee plans to begin work on the bill and report it to the senate as soon as possible. The thief questions at issue are whether the measure shall fix a definite time

## WITNESSED A MOST

EXCITING AIR FIGHT

Soldiers in the Vicinity of Verdun Saw Three German Machines De-

With the French Army in France, an. 21.—(By The Associated Press.) Thousands of soldiers in the vicinity of Versian Saturday witnessed a most expling air fight, which ended in the Seatraction of three German machines. In the afternoon of the first bright day of weeks a squadron of six enemy machines appeared above the ruin d cit yof Verdun. While i avy barrage from the French artillery greated them, three French chasing machines ascended in angenleavor to cut off the retreat of the

men and fifty trucks engaged in the work, Hartford's first fuelless Monday was utilized in freeing the railroad yards o ftheir overburden of goods assigned here. During the day 108 bulk bars and 52 cars on private sidings were amplied and the merchandist de-One of the enemy fliers attacked a French observation balloon, which it set on fire, the occupant of the balloon dropping in his parachute to safety. One of the French chasers caught this machine under his machine gun fire and sent it crashing to the ground. Then the same men pursued the other, Germans and after a sharp fight, in which there was much elever manoeuvering, sent down another victim with his wings broken.

down another victim with his wings broken.

An hour later the third enemy was destroyed by the same French soundrills. Sunday morning a fourth enemy alcman met his end in the course of a combat with a French opponent a short distance from the same spot.

## Cah d Paragraphs

Sir Edward Carson Has Resigned London, Jan. 21.-Sir Edward Carson, minister without portfolio in the war cabinet, has resigned. This an-nouncement was made official tonight. DUAL MONARCHY IS

ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

Emperor Charles' Wish is to End the War at the Soonest Moment Possible

Vienna, Sunday, Jan. 20, via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 21.—"It is His Maestly's wish to end the war at the soonest moment possible by an honorable peace. In pursuance of this desire and on the principles it repeatedly has appropried the covern. COAL FOR HOUSES AND TRANSATLANTIC SHIPS

This desire and on the principles it repeatedly has announced, the government of the Dual Monarchy has done everything in its power, and will continue to do everything possible, to bring about most speedily a general peace. If for the present, however, only a separate peace with Russia is practicable, the responsibility rests solely with the entente powers, which have rejected repeatedly our peace of-

> These striking statements were made today by Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian prime minister, in the course of a speech at an important conferbetween the government and leaders in the ministers' room in arliament house. Those present in-duded Count Von Toggenburg, min-ster of the interior: Lieutenant Czapp, minister of wefence, and labor representatives, Adler, Seitz and others.

## CHINESE FIRED UPON

AMERICAN GUNBOAT Sailor Named O'Brien Was Killed and Two Others Were Wounded.

Peking, Friday, Jan. 18 .- The Amer freight already on its lines. Some other lines accepted new freight but ican gunboat Monocacy was fired upor by the Chinese fifty miles above Yochow, on the Yang-tse-Kiang, yester-day. A sailor named O'Brien was killed and two other sailors were Reports received during the day in-dicated that business generally obwounded. The firing lasted for half an hour. It is presumed that the as-saliants were a detachment of the served the spirit as well as the letter southern revolutionary forces.

The reason for the attack and details of it have not yet been received.

Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the American minister, will demand of the foreign office that responsibility for the attack he fixed and the offenders were Asked tonight if he would extend the five days industrial closing if it appeared that the accomplishments sought had not been fully obtained, Dr. Garfield said he did not wish to cross that bridge until he came to it. There tack be fixed and the offenders pun-ished and also that measures shall will be ten heatless Mondays, Dr. Garfield said, despite pressure to have their number reduced. In selecting be taken to safeguard shipping. Dr. Reinsch does not believe that the at-tack indicates an anti-foreign feeling Monday as the day for general closing Dr. Garfield said that the fuel adminbut rather that it was intended to istration took into consideration Washington's Birthday, February 22, which falls on Friday. Since most plants give a Saturday half holiday officials bring up complications for the centra government.

CHANGE IN FORM OF AMERICAN PASSPORT

ast Parchment Paper Has Given Way to a Convenient Document.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The time-onored old American passport with its vast expanse of parchment pa Its vast expanse of parchment pa-per headed by an American spread eagle with talons full of javelins, has at last given way to a modern and convenient document. Except in the case of persons traveling in the western continents, the old passports shall not be issued. Travelers bound to Europe and Asia must in every case take out new passports

case take out new passports.

The first consideration in designing the new passport was protection against counterfeiting and abuse it is printed on a distinctive paper made especially for the purpose, which is of a blue-gray cast by reason of the fact that the whole face is covered as Tace is covered a background by microscopic repeti-

that is served by reducing the size of the passport to just one-half of its old proportions so that it now meas-mes 8 3-4 inches by 12 inches. Also it is inclosed within a small green stiff cover fitting easily into an ordin-ary pocket. nds, to close at noon Mondays;

MATERIAL LACKING FOR

porary and is due to lack of material and labor, Charles Piez, general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, today told the senate investigating committee. Lumber could be delivered to Pacific Coast yards, he cented have recognized by the purpose of reporting to the congress of workmen's and soldiers' deputities.

No fighting of great importance is taking place on any of the battle fronts. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Ice floes sweeping southward on the crest of a rapid rise in the Mississippi river, due to the breaking of gorges in that wa-terway and tributary streams today, caused four steamboats to sink, tore others from their moorings and damsaid, but vessels under construction in the east must be completed as quickly as possible and available moterial is being sent to the Atlantic coast and suid

There is not enough material in sight to build the 400 wooden ships contracted for, Mr. Piez said. Fricion between government agencies sup plying spruce timber for the aircraft board, and those trying to get out timber for shipbuilding Mr. Piez hoped to settle through an investigation the fleet corporation recently began Investigators already have been sent to the far western fields, he said.

RECEIPTS OF \$9,000 SIGNED BY COUNT VON BERNSTORFF

fetted about the greater part of the day.

The largest gorges that brought about heavy ice flee were located at Hickman, Kv. Bessie, Tenn., and Richardson Landing, Tenn.

The situation below Cairo, according to old river men, is the most serious in the history of winter river traffic. They declare that they have no recollection of such a quantity of Freie Presse, Aberdeen, S. D. Aberdeen S. D., Jan. 21.—Receipts of \$9,000 signed by Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, were found today, officials claim, in a seizure of records in the office of the Freie Presse, whose editors, F. W. Sallett and J. F. Paul Gross, are be-ing held for the federal authorities. The editors are charged with not filing correct translations of articles in the paper. Sallett and Gross de-clare \$30,000 was collected and sent east for the German Red Cross, but the records show, officials said, that only \$1,900 was sent directly to that crganization and that the \$9,000 was sent to the German embassy in Wash-ington, while the remainder was sent

to a firm on the New York stock ex-change called "K. N. and K." in the records here. STATE POLICE SEARCHING

FOR ESTHER STRICKLAND Letter - Received by Her Parents

Shows She Has Been in Hartford. Middletown, Conn., Jan. 21.-State police and officers from Portland are in Hartford tonight seeking Esther Strickland, daughter of F. E. Sthickland of Pertland, who disappeared a stitutional form or to impose forced week ago. A letter was receiver by relations in case she should decide her but after the letter was received the officials wer notified and the hunt for the girl began. She was last seen in the company of the former employe of Mr. Strickland and it is believed she went away with him under duress.

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## Partisan Feeling **Tenders Resignation**

RESULT OF SENATOR STONE'S

SITUATION IS CRITICAL

Nation-Wide Strikes and Some Disturbances Have Resulted From the Bitter Opposition to the Government

The crisis in Austria, arising from The crisis in Austria, arising from the discontent of the people over the continuation of the war, the scarcity of food and a general desire for peace, has resulted in the resignation of the Austrian cabinet.

For weeks there has been bitter opposition to the government on the part of the people, and during the past few days this has resulted in nation-wide strikes and some disturbances.

Man

Details Are Extremely Meagre, Although details of the exact situa-tion resulting from the troublous times are extremely meagre, the despatches that have crept through are indicative of a situation that will require skilful handling by the authorities to again bring the dissatisfied populace into a

tate of tractability. Ban on Newspapers in Vienna. No newspapers in Vienna were per-mitted last Saturday. The only publication allowed was a single sheet bulletin which told some of the details of the nation-wide strike and the developments in the peace discussions at Brest Litovsk. As usual, the hand of the German propagandists was to be the German social democracy of Aus-

the central powers were ready to notes, however, and doubt is generally make an immediate general peace, expressed that another outbreak can without annexations or indemnities. Desire for Peace is Paramount. Evidently, however, this statement

failed to placate the strikers in Vienna, who sent a large delegation to wait of conditions among the working classes and to impress upon him that their desire for peace overshadowed and took precedence over all other de-mands. What the result of this visit was remains to be told.

Discontent in Hungary.

In Hungary also the people are en-deavoring to ascertain what are the prospects for a cessation of hostilities and a return to normal life. So in-sistent has been their effort in this direction that the Hungarian premier has been forced to announce in the lower house of parliament that the government adhered to the principle of peace without annexations or indemnities-that even the king shared in this view. The premier, however added that the question of Alsace-Lorraine should not at the present time enter into the situation, as it was not calculated to strengthen the government's position.

Industrial Situation in Germany. down with regard to the internal sit-uation in Germany, although one of the Berlin newspapers is quoted as declaring that the oft-postponed speech of the imperial chancellor to the main committee of the reichstag will be delivered next Thursday. The debate following the speech of the chancellor is expected to extend over three days

Unofficial advices from Copenhagen are to the effect that Lein Trotzky, WOODEN SHIPBUILDING the Bolshevik foreign minister, has asserted that although he has depart-All Available is Being Sent to Atlantic ed from Petrograd, the peace negotiations at Brest Latovsh would continue during his absence. Trotzky is re-ported to have informed the chief German delegate at Brest Litovsk that his visit to Petrograd was merely for

LABOR DISTURBANCES IN AUSTRIA ARE POLITICAL

Socialist Party Makes Demands Upon Government Calling for Many Re-

Washington, Jan. 1.—Labor disturb-ances in Austria are described as po-litical rather than economic in offi-cial despatches received here today. The demands made upon the govern-ment in the statement of the commit-tee of directors of the socialist party f Austria are as follows:

Demands Made Upon Government. First, formal assurances that the negotiations at Brest Litovsk will not run the risk of failure because of tersecond, complete reform in the pro-

isioning system. Third, an immediate proposal of a bill establishing universal equal and direct suffrage in the communal elec-

Fourth, annulling of the measures which have been taken to militarize the work of the factories and which have deprived the laborer of all his Only One Newspaper in Vienna

It is reported that only one news-paper has appeared in Vienna since the trouble started and that one is in a much reduced size. Negotiations are said to have taken place between Von Seidler, president of the ministry, and other ministers and workers' delegates under the leadership of socialist deputies. To Obtain a General Peace.

Von Seidler in a long statement de-clared that the government would do its utmost to obtain a general prace, and that it did not wish for an in-crease of territory at the expense of Russia. Regarding Poland, he as-serted that Austria-Hungary would regard it as an independent state and that it did not wish to dictate its con-estitutional form or to impose forced own fate by a popular vote.

## Aired in the Senate

ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

"MOST SEDITIOUS MAN"

Accused Republicans of Playing Politics in Their Criticism of the Conduct of the War-Vigorous Defense Made by Penrose, Lodge and New.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Smouldering fires of partisan feeling were set ablaze in the senate today by Senator Stone, veteran democrat, with a long prepared speech, accusing republicans of playing politics in their criticisms of the government's conduct of the war and calling Theodore Roosevelt "the most seditious man of consequence in

Many Sharp Interruptions. There had been plenty of advance otice of the speech, which administration leaders sought vainly to induce the Missouri senator to abandon or postpone. The senate galleries were crowded and republican spokesmen were waiting with replies. There were many sharp interruptions during the two hours Senator Stone was speaking and when he closed Senators Penrose, Lodge, New and others on the republican side answered with vigorous de-fense of their right to make proper cirticism of inefficiencies and with

counter-charges of partisanship. Senators Lewis, Kirby and other democrats joined in the fray, lasted until the session ended tonight with adjournment until Thursday. seen in this one sheet publication, for was suggested in the lobbles that the the chief announcement in it was from two-day recess was arranged in the two-day recess was arranged in the hope that both sides would cool off tria. This lay stress on last year's and permit the conroversy to be declaration of the Austro-Hungarian dropped. Many senators who did not take the floor today were busy with expressed that another outbreak can be prevented. Senator Johnson of California was particularly busy with als pencil when Senator Stone attack.

Colonel Roosevelt, Galleries Were Amused.

In spite of the vigorous language used by the debaters, much of the time during today's battle the galleries and loor were in laughter. Senator Pen-rose's sallies would set the chamber into a titter when the discussion was taking its most serious turns.
Senator Stone delivered his attack in characteristically vehement fashion, He strode the middle aisle, shouting, menacing with clenched fists or wag-ging finger, his political opponents on the other side.

the other side.

Senator Penrose in his reply con ceded his desire to oust the democrats from control of the government de-ciaring a more efficient administraould be thus secured.

Lodge Spoke Seriously.

Senator Lodge of Massachusett spoke more seriously. He deplored in-lection of pilitics into the war, defended Colonel Roosevelt, declared that the republicans have given and will ie to give their support to the dministration toward winning the nistakes and inefficiency

GOING TO WASHINGTON Refused to Comment on Senato Stone's Speech in the Senate.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt left here tonight for Washington, where he will remain several weeks. He declined to comment on Senator Stone's speech in the senate today.

Colonel Roosevelt intimated that while in Washington he would not make any public speeches or statements or attended.

ments or attend any puglic functions PRESIDENTIAL POWER TO

FIX PRICES OF FOOD Bill Laid Before House Agricultural Committee by President Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A draft of a bill giving the president broad powers to fix prices of foods and other products essential to the conduct of the war or for domestic consumption was laid before members of the huse agricultural committee today by Pres-ident Wilson with the request that it

be pressed for passage.

Members of the committee were called to the White House and told by the president that he believed a situation had arisen that necessitated immediate legislation to provide these

powers.

Members of the committee Defined to discuss details of the bill.

White Chairman Lever left the White House with the president's copy to study over its provisions tonight and if satisfied with it, introduce it tofore Director General McAdoo

"COUNCIL OF FLANDERS" TO HOLD ELECTION

To Allow Flemish People to Express Their Will on Independence. Amsterdam, Jan. 21. — Advices re-ceived here from the Brussels says that the self-constituted "Council of

Flanders" announces that it will hold an election for the purpose of giving the Flemish people the opportunity of expressing their will regarding full The despatch adds that deputation

of the council, which waited on the German minister of the interior, Herr Waltraf, received a sympathetic reply, the secretary expressing his best wishes for the further cultivaof Flemish aims for aut RAILROAD EMBARGOES ARE

Bethlehem Steel Company Protests Because of Inability to Move Steel.

Washington, Jan. 21.-Embargoes Washington, Jan. 21. The effect which have been put into effect against the acceptance of new freight tra burden to consumers was sustained and put into operation by the tained and put into operation by the court. by several railroads were declared to-night by Director General McAdoo to be entirely local in character and not indicative of any proposed general prohibition against shipments of goods other than fuel, food and war sup-

## Condensed Telegrams

The Irazu volcano at Costa Rica is

The United States army needs 300 In spite of the fixing of the price of polatoes in France, growers are alleged to be holding their crops

Clergymen of every denomination ave been asked to assist in the colection of the income tax.

Walter Spoerman, "master German py," has been sent to Fort Oglethorpe or the duration of the war. The value of the German mark has fallen sharply on neutral and is fast losing its value.

Part of the private stock of coal the home of the Garfield family a Mentor, O., will be sold to the needy. Capt. J. G. Coohrane of New Brigh

ton. Staten Island, was reported wounded on the Canadian casualties A special meeting of newspaper pub-ishers was called for Jan. 23 at Chicago to discuss the print paper ques

Moore that under the existing aws the president has power to take over the canals

make war or peace has been reaffirmed by the house of Prussian lords in

James E. Towner, New York sens tor, has a plan to give to each farmer a bonus of \$5 for raising a calf until

Christopher Magra, a wealthy resi-ent of Rome, N. Y., was found clinging to the gravestone of his wife, his ody rigid In death.

Every brewer in Mossouri must work two days each week fuel Director Crossley

British casualties reported in the week ending Monday were 17,042.e ficiency on the part of the government in its warf preparations.

These figures represent a decrease of ment in its warf preparations. Investigations conducted at the president said, had These figures represent a decrease of nearly 8,000 from last week.

The navy has sent an urgent appeal binoculars, spyglasses and telescopes to send them to the department.

The embassies of neutral countries

n Berlin are suffering because of the food shortage and may not be able to stay there more than three months. The United States service reserve has sent out an appeal for 7,000 men over and under the draft age to go to France for immediate duty behind the firing line.

firing line. The signal corps of the army needs women between 23 and 35 in good health for service in France, with quarters and rations similar to those

Cadet Frank L. Zery was killed and Cadet V. C. Dunham suffered injuries from which he died at the base hos-pital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in a collision of airplanes at Kelly Field.

said that the season just closed Sat-urday resulted in a deficit of more than E. A. Strause, president of the Pe-oria (Ill.) State Trust and Savings Bank, who shot and killed his cashler,

cember 23, was indicted for murder in the Kerensky cabinet, and Pro-fessor F. F. Kokoshkine, state comp-troller under Kerensky, were murdered

in their beds in the Marine Hospital at Petrograd. The strike movement is spreading throughout Austria-Hungary and it is associated with a demand for immediate peace according to despatches re-

ceived in London from Swiss

Dutch sources. Charter to the United States gov-ernment of all Dutch steamers now being held in American ports has been decided upon by the Dutch govern-ment in a provisional agreement just

signed in Lendon. Representative Jeanette Rankin appealed to Secretary Wilson to have the department of labor investigate the so-called rustling card system used by the copper companies among the

A Christiania despatch to the Na tional Tidende of Copenhagen, says all political parties agree that the terms offered by the United States to Norway regarding food supplies and shipping cannot be accepted.

Telegrams from the governors of Il-linois Indiana Ohio and Kansas declaring that unless the corn crop is moved within the next few weeks much of it will be lost were laid be-

Authentic news of the sinking at nidnight of three large steamers, on of them an American freighter, while a convoy of which they were a part was passing a lighthouse on the Med-iterranean-Spanish coast last month, was received in shipping circles in

giving laboring men the right to col-lect wages for a period not exceeding thirty days where employers fail to refuse to pay the wages due at the time of discharge or votuntary cessa-tion of labor was sustained by the

Definite information said to have been obtained by the government that German agents had been instructed to use all means to paralyze the effort to mave freight and clear ships is un-derstood to be responsible for the doubling of guards at all piers shipards and terminals at New York.

Ruling of lower federal courts that shippers awarded reparation by the In-terstate Commerce Commission for freight overcharges may recover the excess without proving actual damag-es or that they had not shifted the ex-

# DEFENSE OF SEC'Y BAKER

Characterizes Senator Chamberlain's Criticism as an 'Astounding and Unjustifiable Distortion of the Truth"

#### REGARDS BAKER ONE OF ABLEST OF OFFICIALS

Declares That Nothing Helpful Has Come Out of Such Statements-Deprecates Delays That Congressional Committees Have Caused by Calling Cabinet Officers From Their Duties-In Reply Senator Chamberlain Asserts That His Remarks Were Directed Against the Military Establishment and Not Against Other Departments of the Government-Asserts the Principal Weakness is the Vast Gulf, With No Legal Authority, Between the Army and the President-President is Outspoken in His Opposition to the Proposed War Council.

Washington, Jan. 21. — President been the result of experience they Wilson issued a statement togisht, are much more likely than any other characterizing as an "astonishing and unjustifiable distortion of the truth" assertions made by Senator Chamberlain in a speech at New York Saturday concerning inaction, and ef-

recipit to the foreground delays and isappointments and had contributed of them by drawing officials away officials I have ever known. The counto them by drawing officials away from their work.
"Nothing helpful or likely to speed or facilitate the war tasks of the gov-ernment has come out of such criti-

cism and investigation," he added

Legislation proposed by the senate department and tureau of the govern-military committee for the creation of a war council and a minister of munitions, the president declared, had come after effective measures of re-organization already had been mature-that that statement sprang out of opposition to the administration's

organization already had been maturely perfected.

The president said he regarded Seccretary Baker as one of the ablest
public officials he had ever known and
that the country would soon learn
whether he or his critics understood
the business at hand. The statement follows.

President Wilson's Statement. "When the president's statement attention was called to the speech made by Senator Chamberlain at a luncheon in New York on Saturday he Max Pam, one of the guarantors of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, rectly reported, and upon ascertaining from the senator that he had been, the enator that he had been, the it his duty to make

following statement: Distortion of Truth "Senator Chamberlain's statement

as to the present inaction and inef-fectiveness of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiastonishing and absolutely unjustifi-able distortion of the truth. As a matter of fact, the war department has performed a task of unparalleled magnitude and difficulty with extra-ordinary promptness and efficiency. There have been delays and disap-pointments and partial miscarriages of plan, all of which have been drawn into the foreground and evagement into the foreground and exaggerated by the investigations which have been in progress since the congress assembled—investigations which drew indispensable officials of the department constantly away from their work and officers from their commands and contributed a great deal to such de-lay and confusion as had inevitably arlsen. But by comparison with what has been accomplished, these things

or facilitate the war tasks of the government has come out of such criticism and investigation. I understand that reorganizations by legislation are to be proposed—I have not been conhard the proposed of many conhard the conhard the conhard the government of the g sulted about them and have learned science even if not of the administra-of them only at second hand—but their proposal came after effective meas"The people are entitled to be let

heard of would involve long additional delays and turn our experience in-to mere lost motion. My association

had and constant conference with the sectry will soon learn whether he or critics understand the business hand. "To add, as Senator Chamberlain did, that there is inefficiency in every

> serious intention to reform its prac-Senator Chamberlain's Explains.

Senator-Chamberlain said: "In my New York speech I had not prepared the address and spoke twen ty minutes extemporaneously, with-out notes. I pointed out that from Bunker Hill to the present time we had had no military organization or policy. The press report of my ad-dress was correct. But my agru-ment was directed to the military es-tablishment and not to other density tablishment and not to other departments of the government, although i was broad en that interpretation ing it knew I referred merely to the military establishment and that the senate military committee had under cabinet and a director of munitions,

to work oue changes in the establish-"I explained that these bills were not administration measures. I did not misrepresent them.

Secy. Baker's Efforts Approved. "Secretary Baker's efforts to bet ter his organization have my utmost approval. He has made much im-provement. But the inherent weakness of his reorganization is that no-body between the army and the pres-ident has legal authority. There is the Council of National Defense, the War Industries Board and the Clearance Committee-all purely voluntary organizations—between the presider and the army. The War Cabinet an director of munitions would be crehas been accomplished, these things much as they were to be regretted were insignificant and no mistake has been made which has been repeated.

Statutory Obstacles.

"Nothing helpful or likely to speed or facilitate the war tasks of the government of the control of the contro

ures or reorganization had been into the committee's confidence. If thoughtfully and maturely perfected, and inasmuch as these measures have all right. It's their war."

TWO FUEL VIOLATIONS REPORTED AT WALLINGFORD One Dealer in Dry Gools, the Other

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21.—At the Yale Corporation meeting heid to-day additional leaves of absence were field's order to suspend business togranted to faculty members to engage day were reported here. One is a in government work as follows: to dealer in dry goods and the other a Professor John C. Tracy, balance of seller of confectionery and soft drinks. rear to work for the city war bureau; In each case purchases were made in Dr. Percy W. Bidwell to go to Wash- order to secure evidence and the vio-

fessor of economics in the college, and schools from new until spring. All Frank 4. Gooch, professor of chemistry and director of Kent laboratory, and close at 1.15. The night schools

THOMAS HOLT APPOINTED AS DAIRY COMMISSIONER

Southington Man Succeeded the Late Frank H. Stadtmueller. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 21,-Announce-

ment was made here tonight of the commissioner to succeed the late-Frank H. Stadtmueller. The new commissioner has been a deputy dairy commissioner since May, I, 1917, and is president of the Connecticut Milk Producers' association and a director in many other dairy and averaged. In the lower house of the Hungarian parliament Premier Wekerle, a Budapest despatch reported, said in a reply to a question that the government adhered to the principle of paces without annexations or indemnities and that this standpoint was shared by every organ of the monarchy, above all by the king.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 21.—Two armed commissioner has been a deputy dairy commissioner since May, 1, 1917, and is president of the Connecticut Milk is produced at the producers association and a director in many other dairy and rural associations. He has been first successor as connecticut Milk is producers association and a director in many other dairy and rural associations. He has been first successor as connecticut Milk is producers as producers and the many other dairy and ru

## CMANGES TO BE MADE

A Number of the Members Have Been New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21 .- At the

ington to aid tariff commission: Pro- lations will be formally made known fessor Irving Fisher's leave was extended until the end of the first term next year. Announcement was also made of the retigement at the end of this year of Henry W. Farmer, profits year of Henry W. Professor Gooch will be succeeded by Will be kept onen as usual.

Professor Bertram B. Boltwood, Assistant Professor Mather A. Abbott

THOMAS HOLT APPOINT was made professor of Latin in the college; Assistant Professor Charles Seymour, professor of history in the college and Percy W. Bidwell assistant professor of economics in Shef-field Scientific School.

TWO ARMED MEXICANS KILLED BY U. S. PATROLS One American Cavalryman's Horse